VII.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS BETTING TAX ACT, 1935 FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES (BILL No. 4 OF 1936).

* The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER:—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to introduce the Bill [a] to amend the Madras Betting Tax Act, 1935, for certain purposes (Bill No. 4 of 1936) and move that the Bill be taken into consideration at once. The Bill is a very short one and deals with only two subjects. One is the extension of the Bill by notification to cantonments and the second is the provision to recover any tax as arrear of land revenue. As regards the first of these points I might mention that the clauses were included in the original Bill but as we had not got the sanction of the Governor-General in Council to the inclusion of those two clauses we had to omit them. We have now subsequently got the sanction and this Bill is intended merely to carry out the objects of the original Bill. With regard to the provision relating to the recovery of tax as arrear of land revenue I may say that it has been decided that the Revenue Department should be responsible for the collection of this tax and therefore it is only proper that the collection of the tax should be facilitated in this manner by giving the Revenue Department power to recover it as land revenue. Sir, with these words, I move that the Bill be taken into consideration." 3-45 p.m.

The motion was duly seconded.

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 1 to 3 were put and carried.

The preamble was put and carried.

The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER:—" I beg to move, Sir, that the Bill be passed into law."

The motion was duly seconded.

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

VIII.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS COMMERCIAL CROPS MARKETS ACT, 1933, FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES (BILL No. 3 OF 1936).

* The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" Sir, I beg to introduce the Bill [a] to amend the Madras Commercial Crops Markets Act, 1933, for certain purposes (Bill No. 3 of 1936) and move that the Bill be taken into consideration at once. This is a small Bill meant to meet certain emergencies in connexion with the working of the Act. When the Act came to be applied to Tiruppur objections were called for from the people of that place. They said that the Act should not be applied to Tiruppur and if it was to be applied at all it should be applied to the whole cotton area. They objected to the application of the Act to Tiruppur on the ground that those living in adjacent towns might take advantage of this and try to deflect the trade from Tiruppur. In order to allay their fears and to meet any such eventuality the Government

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